

ANOTHER ATTACK ON LADY REGENTS

Charges of Mount Vernon Anti-Fee Association to be Pushed.

WILL GO TO CONGRESS.

Statement Will Also be Made Before Virginia Legislature at Next Biennial Session.

Washington, May 13.—The Mount Vernon Anti-Fee Association has evidence to present to a Congressional investigation committee of alleged extravagancies in the conduct of Mt. Vernon, by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, according to statements today by the Secretary of the association, W. H. Lodwer, its attorney, and F. R. Whipple. The same testimony will be given before the Virginia legislature at its next session.

The charges include a statement that salaries have been needlessly raised and that money is being spent on the purchases of relics of dubious authenticity. Reflection is made on the employing of a caterer for the ten-days period during which the regents of the Mount Vernon Association are in session.

No more cognizance of the statements of the Anti-Fee Association may be taken by the regents than has been taken by them than of the resolution passed by the Daughters of the American Revolution with respect to Sunday opening. Officials of the Anti-Fee Association say that they do not expect the regents to take notice of their charges, but that when their testimony is given to a committee of Congress the regents will have to recognize the situation.

The statement issued by the Anti-Fee Association includes the assertion that Mt. Vernon was maintained in 1902 at a cost of \$2,000, and that last year a total of \$28,000 was necessary. The salary of Superintendent Dodge has been increased, it is stated, from \$2,000 in 1904 to \$5,000.

ELOPES WITH OWN WIFE.

Woman Leaves Home With Husband From Whom She Was Separated.

Clarksburg, W. Va., May 12.—While his father-in-law, Sherman A. Griffin was away from home, Frank A. Prichard, an insurance agent, and owner of valuable coal and timber land, took his wife, Vonda Prichard, from her parents' home here Saturday night.

They left in a large touring car and have not been heard from since. Mrs. Prichard was evidently expecting her husband, for her trunk was packed and waiting at the door, when, accompanied by another man, Prichard arrived at the Griffin home. The automobile drove up in front of the house and Prichard and his companion went to the front door. There they were joined by Mrs. Prichard, who hurried to the machine, despite the pleadings of her mother, who tried to persuade her to remain at home. Besides her trunk Mrs. Prichard took with her a dog valued at \$900, which her father bought for her in Europe.

Miss Griffin and Prichard met about 18 months ago. The parents of the girl, who is only 17 years old, objected to Prichard's attention and sent the girl to Boston to a conservatory of music. She did not forget Prichard, however, and while home on a vacation eloped with him to Oakland, Md., and was married.

After living with her husband for a week the girl wife returned home and her father took her to Europe. Since their return she had been living with her parents.

DOG CASES IN COURT.

In the Police Court this morning two dog cases were disposed of. Sam Contee was fined \$5 for permitting his dog to run at large unmuzzled and Macheen Hamill was fined \$5 for not having his dog properly muzzled. The latter's dog bit Edward Macheen, a small boy, on last Saturday. Justice Caton also ordered the dog killed.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The streets around public school No. 14, in Brooklyn, were black with children just let out for lunch yesterday when an automobile truck belonging to a Jersey City coal dealer became unmanageable and charged a group of little girls on the sidewalks. Mable Balmer, aged 10, was killed, and Marcella Kelly, aged 4, was fatally hurt. Led by a few grown-ups, the children attacked O. L. Mount, the chauffeur, and were threatening to lynch him when police reserves rescued him.

Eight buildings were destroyed with a loss of \$75,000 at Sharon, Pa., in the worst fire the city ever experienced. Incendiaries are blamed, and suspects are being sought. The fire destroyed four warehouses and four residences.

The British cruiser Aeolus sailed from Kingston, Jamaica, Saturday evening, ostensibly for Balize, British Honduras. The real objective of the warships, it is understood, is Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, to enforce a settlement of the long-standing claims of British subjects against Guatemala. Recently Great Britain placed a time limit on this settlement, which expires May 15. The latter part of April Guatemala made an appeal to the government at Washington against reprisals by Great Britain for Guatemala's failure to pay the claims of British bondholders. The Guatemalan Minister, in directing attention to the situation, pointed out that plans were under way for a large loan, with the proceeds of which it was proposed to pay Guatemala's British debts and reform her currency system.

Following receipt of numerous letters demanding money under penalty of death, J. Walton Lyman, an official of the Republic Rubber Company, in Philadelphia, disappeared on April 28 last, and no news of him has been received. It is feared he has been kidnapped or murdered.

The Customs Court yesterday decided that European nations are entitled to the free entry of wood pulp and paper under the "most favored nation clause" of their commercial treaties with the United States, because the free-entry privilege is granted to Canada under the only operative clause of the Canadian reciprocity agreement.

Frost Sunday night damaged fruits and vegetables in Delaware to the extent of at least \$1,000,000. All kinds of fruit was killed. There will not be a peach, pear, cherry, or blackberry crop grown in the vicinity of Laurel this year. Three-fourths of the strawberries were killed. Sweet potato plants will have to be reset.

More than 500 dead are lying on the field above Guaymas, Mexico, resulting from three days' desperate fighting last week. Col. Juan Cabral, who arrived yesterday at Hermosillo from the front, reported that he had estimated the killed at nearly 600. A trainload of oil and firewood was rushed south with which to cremate the bodies.

Advocating the establishment of a divorce license bureau, where a divorce may be obtained for the asking on a fee of 2, with the same simplicity that is required in getting a marriage license, Mrs. Harry Huston, director of the Parent Teachers' Federation, at Los Angeles, Cal., proposes a remedy for the present divorce evil. "I believe if a man or a woman wants a divorce he or she should be able to get it without legal disputes. The wanting a divorce is sufficient reason for obtaining it," she said.

A riot was precipitated among the mourners while the body of Mike Kindarch was being lowered into the grave at Linwood Cemetery at Blaine, Ohio, yesterday afternoon, and as a result Steve Calous is in a hospital with a bullet in his abdomen that is likely to cause death, and George Kouпка, who fired the shot, is in the hospital ward of the jail at St. Clairsville, Ohio, with a fractured skull that will probably prove fatal. Calous was one of the mourners gathered about the grave. Kouпка, who had a grudge of long standing against him, started into the crowd, and there was a free-for-all fight in an effort to disarm Kouпка, who managed to fire a shot before he was overpowered. He was kicked and trampled and is in bad shape.

BATTLE ROYAL ON THE TARIFF BILL

Will Senate Finance Committee Conduct Hearings on Tariff?

DEMOCRATS AVERSE.

Rely Upon Forty-Nine out of Fifty-one Democratic Members to Oppose Such Procedure.

Washington, May 13.—Whether the Senate Finance Committee shall conduct hearings on the tariff bill was the issue of a battle royal scheduled in the Senate this afternoon.

Before adjournment tonight the question will probably have been forced to a roll call. The Democrats believe they will vote down any attempt by Republican "regulars" to force hearings.

The majority party relies upon forty-nine of its fifty-one members in the upper house to oppose hearings. Its leaders declare that the best service to the business world is to get through with the tariff uncertainty at once.

They aver that the House bill has the approval of the country in all important particulars, and that Republican insistence upon hearings is merely a pretext to delay until artificial protest can be raised in order to justify a panic.

Senator Penrose, leading the Republican attack, maintains that the business men of the country had no expectation, when the hearings were given by the House Committee, that the bill would be so drastic as it now appears. He proposes to filibuster against referring the bill to committee until hearing shall have been conceded.

Sharp division of the Republican Senators, however, seemed likely to be reflected in the vote today. Democrats believe that Senators Cummins, Borah, and Kenyon, and others will refuse to follow Senator Penrose's lead in any parliamentary fight. If this proves the case, the tariff measures will go at once to the Finance Committee for its consideration, and within two or three weeks will be reported to the Democratic caucus for approval.

After that will come the long debate on the Senate floor.

BACK IS BROKEN

Prevailing Cold Snap About Ready to Collapse.

Richmond, Va., May 13.—The backbone of the cold snap has been broken according to the weatherwise. Although the thermometer went down to 38 degrees in Richmond and vicinity during Sunday night and yesterday, causing a light frost, it had risen to the 49 point by 8 a. m., yesterday, and continued to rise as Old Sol mounted higher in the heavens.

It is believed that very little damage was done by the frost in this particular section.

Up in Staunton yesterday morning soon after daybreak, the mercury was registered at the freezing point dropped to 37 degrees, making May 12, 1913, the coldest recorded there in 41 years. Other sections throughout the state report a similar fall of the mercury, though no reports of any great damage have yet reached Richmond.

An accumulation of dense cold air from the northwest is said to be responsible for the winter-like state of the atmosphere in these parts. This accumulation is now moving rapidly in a northeasterly direction, and there is already indication that warmer currents are taking its place.

AUTOMOBILE BURNS.

Accident Caused by Flareback—Occupants Escape.

An automobile owned by a Washington real estate agent, was totally consumed by fire on Roach's Hill, Mt. Vernon avenue, about eight o'clock last night. The fire was caused by back-firing. The owner and those in the auto with him were uninjured.

"THE ROMANCERS" PRODUCED.

Large Audience Witnesses Frank Lea Short Company in Delightful Play.

The production last night of "The Romancers" by the Frank Lea Short Co., for the benefit of the building fund of the Alexandria Hospital was a very pleasing entertainment. The play by Edmund Rostand is of lighter vein than those by him the public is more familiar with. It is written in delightfully sounding rhythm—the theme being that youth seeks the forbidden and so the straggling fathers of the romantic damsel and lad concerned plan to bring about a love match between the two by raising a forbidden wall between their adjoining gardens, enticing the youth to play Romeo to the fair Juliet on the opposite side.

In the second scene all is seemingly arranged to suit the scheming parents. Through ire that they are being ridiculed by the love-sick couple, the parents confess their duplicity to the girl. The boy has found the bill for the false abduction which the parents arranged and the chagrin of the young lovers that they

"Are playing parts like puppets, as their fathers pull the strings!"

angers them into a quarrel and the boy seeks entertainment elsewhere.

The brigand who is not able to collect his exorbitant fee on account of the broken engagement, plans to give a taste of romance to the maid who feels that she has been cheated because her Romeo was of her father's selection. In ruffian like manner he proposes to run off with her, live in solitude with tent for shelter and crabs for fare. A day's adventure brings the prodigal son back to the shadow of the garden and the frightened maid mist happy to have her Romeo once again. Closing couplets by the quintette of finished actors were most heartily applauded.

The beautiful songs rendered in most enchanting manner added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

The armory was ratty-like with woodland scenery. Those in charge of the entertainment deserve unqualified praise for its splendid success and those attending felt appreciative of the unusual treat.

MOUNT VERNON REGENTS.

Association Averse to Opening Grounds on Sundays.

Children of Washington schools are to be taken to Mount Vernon on Saturdays as the guests of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association.

The regents at yesterday's session of their annual meeting disposed of much of the routine work which has accumulated during the year. Superintendent Dodge was authorized to arrange for entertaining the school children in group of 100, accompanied by their teachers or guardians. The usual entrance fee will be waived.

The committee on the investigation of relics, of which E. B. A. Rathbone, of Michigan, is the chairman, was busy investigating claims of persons who say they have valuable relics of the first president for sale. No purchase was authorized.

The question of opening Mount Vernon to the public on Sundays, advocated by the Daughters of the American Revolution, will not come formally before the board during the meeting now in progress. Some members favor the movement but it was announced yesterday that the board was "practically unanimous against it."

The board shows every inclination to disregard the proposed investigation by Congress of the manner in which it has directed the interests of Washington's home.

KILLED BY ACID.

Dr. A. B. Fonshill, Native of Virginia, Pronounced a Suicide.

Baltimore, Md., May 13.—Lying half dressed across his bed, Dr. A. B. Fonshill, a dentist living at 417 East North avenue, was found dead in a room that was filled with carbolic acid fumes yesterday afternoon. Coroner Chambers, after making an examination, said that the dentist had committed suicide by drinking a quantity of the acid and had probably been dead since Saturday. No reason is known for the suicide.

PEACE BANQUET GREAT SUCCESS

Alexandria Members of Committee Are Guests at New Willard.

FOREIGN ENVOYS.

Secretary Bryan Makes Magnificent Plea For Peace—Senator Root Presides—Carnegie Present.

The banquet which was given last night at the New Willard in honor of the foreign delegates who are here to prepare plans for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English speaking nations was one of the most brilliant affairs ever given in Washington. More than 300 guests, among whom were many of the prominent men of both sides of the Atlantic were present.

Alexandria was well represented, the following members of the local committee being present: Mayor Thomas A. Fisher, John M. Johnson, J. Fred Birrell, Robert S. Barrett, Arthur Herbert, Jr., John R. Zimmerman, Rev. William J. Morton, Lewis H. Machen, Thomas C. Smith, and Dr. Edgar Snowden. The following members of the committee were unable to be present: E. L. Daingerfield, Geo. E. Warfield, Henry K. Field, J. K. M. Norton, S. P. Fisher and Dr. S. B. Moore.

Senator Root of New York presided. A magnificent speech was made by Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan who among other things said: "We are here to substitute the spirit of peace for the spirit of war. The ideals of peace are greater than the ideals of war. We know of no cause that cannot be settled better by reason than by war."

DENIES TAKING FUNDS.

Admits, However, That he Eloped With Wife of Fellow-Minister.

Bristol, Va., May 13.—Rev. Joseph Owens, Baptist minister, who recently deserted his wife and children and departed from a wealthy farming section of Washington county with the wife of Rev. J. W. Blankenship, following his arrest at Welch, W. Va., is now in jail at Abingdon, Va., awaiting the action of the court. Owens doesn't deny having eloped with Mrs. Blankenship, but insists that he did not carry with him any of the funds subscribed for a new church which he proposed to build. He was located in West Virginia through Mrs. Blankenship, who, after tiring of him, betrayed him to the authorities. The wife of the Rev. Mr. Blankenship, who had been held in high esteem in the community, now relates that she was under hypnotic influence and that Owens thus had her completely under his control. It was not until the "spell" was removed that she discovered she had no love for him. She has since been pleading for the forgiveness of her husband and wants to return to her home. Blankenship paid the West Virginia officers a reward for the arrest of Owens. Owens is accused of having carried away about \$200 of church funds when he left the community with Mrs. Blankenship. Mrs. Owens and the children are in a forgiving spirit, and have visited Owens in the prison at Abingdon.

HUSBAND ENDS LIFE.

Separated From Wife And Children He Shoots Himself.

Philadelphia, May 13.—Grieving because of his separation from his wife and four young children, Harry Owens, of No. 134 North Conestoga street, shot himself dead yesterday morning in Fairmount Park, near the Dauphin street entrance. Hearing the report of the revolver, Park Guard Garmen, of the Woodford Guard House, went into the woods and found the body.

Letters found in the clothing left no doubt as to the reason for the act.

Hardshell and deviled crabs daily at Rammel's Cafe.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Charles L. Ahern, of Washington, and Jennie M. Welch, of Alexandria.

Luther C. Fugitt, eldest son of the late George T. and Mary E. Fugitt, died in Baltimore yesterday. The deceased was 62 years old. He had relatives in Alexandria and Washington.

The three circles of the Rector's Aid Society of St. Paul's Church will entertain the entire congregation of that church at a reception this evening in the Norton Memorial Building from 8 to 10 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to each member of the church to be present.

Dr. Charles T. Lindsey, of Alexandria, was elected deputy grand commander of the Knights Templar of the District of Columbia yesterday.

The White Sox A. C. will line up against the Cardinals at the ball park Wednesday at 4:30 p. m.

JEWELERS TO MEET.

Virginia Association's Annual Convention to be Held Next Week.

Roanoke, Va., May 13.—The Virginia Jewelers' Association will hold its annual session in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, May 15 and 16, following close on the heels of the Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge meeting scheduled for May 12, 13 and 14.

The program promises to be one of the most attractive publications of its kind ever gotten out by the association and will be published in a few days. The place for holding the banquet has not been selected. Mayor C. B. Moomaw will welcome the delegates on behalf of the city, while E. S. Green will extend the visitors the hospitality on behalf of the Roanoke jewelers.

The Virginia Jewelers' Association is made up of the retail jewelers of the state and is affiliated with the National Jewelers' Association, delegates to which will be chosen at the coming convention, in addition to the election of state officers. H. Silverthorn, of Lynchburg, is president of the Virginia association, and George E. Flippen, of the same city, is secretary.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Plan to Hold Mass Meeting Here in Interest of Highway.

A mass meeting to be held in Alexandria at an early date at which will be represented all the organizations, county supervisors, road commissioners and city officials, to take action toward the completion of a section of the Richmond-Washington Highway, south of Alexandria, will be the result of the report made by C. S. Taylor Burke and A. D. Brockett, directors of the highway corporation, to the Chamber of Commerce at the monthly meeting which was held last night. It was shown that practically the entire highway had been provided for with the exception of the stretch between Alexandria and Lorton, a distance of 16 miles.

A preliminary report was also made to the chamber by the committee, of which John W. May is chairman, relative to the unequal assessment of taxes in Virginia by which 29 counties and 19 cities pay into the state \$600,000 more than they receive. The chamber is in correspondence with other commercial bodies, in all the cities of Virginia looking to concerted action.

H. P. Wilson, of New York, who recently purchased Holland Hall, near Alexandria, was elected to membership.

The following committees were appointed: Unjust Taxation in counties—John W. May, chairman, W. A. Smoot, Jr., and C. S. T. Burke. Telephone complaints—W. W. Ballenger, chairman, R. L. Payne and George H. Burroughs.

Highway from Occoquan to Alexandria—A. D. Brockett, chairman, H. D. Kirk, J. L. Loe, Harry Hammond and J. Y. Williams.

Hard shell and deviled crabs daily at Rammel's Cafe.

POLICE SUSPECT MURDER OF CHILD

Chas. Lewis Fails to Give Satisfactory Explanation of Boy's Whereabouts.

YARD IS DUG UP.

Man Takes His Wife's Son From Caretaker Last February and Says he Left Him in Old House.

Strong intimations of a murder mystery were developed in Police Court this morning when Charles Lewis, a negro, who is serving a sixty day sentence in the city jail was brought before Police Justice Caton to explain the disappearance of the five-year-old son of his wife, Rose Lewis. Lewis, who is 23 years old and who has a long police record, removed the child from the home of another negro woman last February and since that time no trace of the boy has been found. He declared that he had left the child one night in his old home in McDermott's court in the northwest section of the city, and that it was gone on the following morning.

Justice Caton ordered the man locked up while the police make a more thorough search of the premises to endeavor to find some trace of the boy. The yard was dug up in several places yesterday without result. According to the testimony of the mother who has been married to Lewis for three years, she left him last February and went to Washington to live. The child was left with a negro woman by the name of Wright. Two weeks after she was gone Lewis appeared at the Wright house and took the child away. He carried him to his parents' home, but they refusing to let him stay there, he went to his old home. He induced his wife to come back to live with him promising to tell her the whereabouts of her boy.

The woman stated in Police Court this morning that Lewis had tried to kill the child on a previous occasion.

JUST MISS A CHURCH HORROR.

Few in Edifice Awaiting a Lecture When Gas Explodes.

Pittsburgh, May 13.—An explosion of gas during a small fire in the First Christian Church, Shaw avenue, Turtle Creek, at 8 o'clock yesterday evening, resulted in the injury of 14 persons, two seriously, and the destruction of the building. The church had been lighted up in preparation for a lecture, and a number of persons were within and without the structure when a small blaze was discovered near the roof. The Turtle Creek firemen had just got their hose on the blaze when a terrific explosion occurred.

WAR ON PICKPOCKETS.

Mayor of Chicago Joins in Crusade Against Criminal Element.

Chicago, May 13.—Mayor Harrison has taken a hard in State Attorney Hoyne's campaign to rid the city of thugs and pickpockets. The mayor appeared before acting Chief of Police Schuetzler with a list of 40 persons, whom he charged with being well known pickpockets, and who, he declared, had evidenced remarkable ability of getting out of jail after being arrested, charged with picking pockets.

Mayor Harrison, Mr. Hoyne and the heads of the police department at a conference agreed upon a comprehensive system of warfare upon pickpockets. All policemen have been instructed to arrest known pickpockets on vagrancy charges. Heretofore the men have been arrested on larceny charges, and in only a few cases have there been convictions.

Judge Foell, of the Supreme Court, also issued an order that hereafter the police must make a written return on every habeas corpus writ that is issued. Many of the known pickpockets arrested last week have obtained their immediate releases by habeas corpus.